

# Brother Al Moving Out

by Hope Parisi

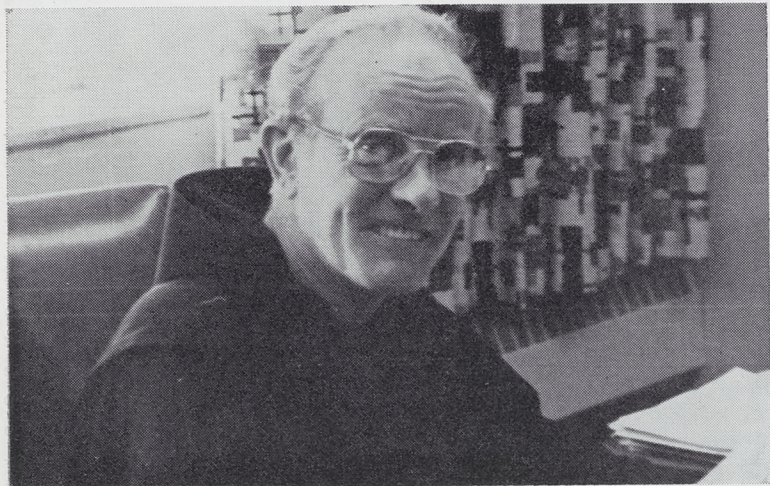
On March 7, Brother Alphonsus Maher, O.S.F. disclosed in a letter to administration and faculty members his decision not to serve as principal beyond the end of the present academic year.

After six years of service as principal in the old and new schools of Bishop Ford, Brother Alphonsus feels it best to relinquish his duties to someone with fresh ideas and new energies. Although rewarding, the responsibilities of principalship are too taxing and demanding for him to consider renewing his two-year contract again. He described his mood as "drained" and "ready for change." Instead, in September Brother will channel his energies into studying guidance counseling on a full-time basis.

During his 36 years in education, Brother Alphonsus has taught on every level from fifth grade to senior year in college, on which level he taught theology at Saint Francis College. Of those 36 years, Brother has spent 17 at Ford functioning as assistant principal from 1963 to 1967, director of guidance from 1967 to 1974, and, most recently, principal from 1974. He hopes one day to resume a "most rewarding" role some place in the counseling field. The university which Brother will attend, his new place of residence, and many other of Brother's future plans remain undetermined as yet.

"It will be very painful to break associations with Bishop Ford and its students after having spent half my teaching years here," Brother Alphonsus acknowledged. While he is missing Ford, many will be missing him here. Mrs. Ann Caulfield, his secretary, commented: "The years I have worked with Brother Alphonsus have been extremely happy ones. Brother was not only my 'boss,' but my friend—an understanding, kind, and compassionate man who is going to be missed by me, perhaps more than anyone."

**BULLETIN:** As we went to press, it was made public that Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F., who once taught in the History Department of Bishop Ford, will be our new principal as of September 1, 1980.



Brother Al

## Evaluation Complete for Ford

by Amy Mattison

What is the Middle States Association? Why did they come here last Fall? And why is accreditation so important in the first place?

The purpose of the Middle States Association is, in Sister Geraldine's words, to "provide for self-evaluation" of the school community and to "help us see our strengths and weaknesses."

Having accreditation associated with our school name also helps students when they apply to colleges. The Middle States seal is recognized as a sign of quality education.

The association had much to say about Ford. They saw a good deal of friendliness between teachers and students. They also had some suggestions: more communal religious observances, and

better communications between students and faculty, faculty and administration, and back again on all levels.

What this means is that the Ford community can benefit fully from this survey by instituting the necessary changes. We shall receive the Middle States accreditation later this year and we will be better able to offer students quality education here at Ford.

## "Welcome to Sherwood!"

by Edward Smith

Once again, the student body has elected a Student Council President and Vice President, Robert Sullivan and Maria Rollo. The convention was held after a week of hectic campaigning.

This year's convention began in the usual manner. The keynote address speaker was City Council President Carol Bellamy. She gave a rather interesting speech; it had a sprinkling of light humor and was full of good, sound advice. Then came the first nomination by Mark El-Khoury, strongly supporting Jackie Barbera and

Gina DiPaolo. This speech was followed by about ten minutes of hoopla and disco music.

The next nomination was for Robert Sullivan and Maria Rollo. After a brief speech by Thomas Loverdi, the D.J. played "Hot Stuff." Sullivan, and Rollo stood in center stage while the spotlight focused on them.

Then came candidates Vanessa Parkinson and Dominic Orlando. Lucy Fonte gave a rousing speech on their behalf, and then the demonstration began. A variety of songs was played.

The last candidates to be

nominated were Brian Burke and Regina Corrigan. Andrea Bonfiglio gave the nominating speech. The demonstration was simple but effective. After the first balloting Brother Shane announced that the teams of Sullivan & Rollo and Barbera & DiPaolo were the finalists and would be placed on the second ballot. Then, after the second ballot, all the students returned to the auditorium. The results were read and turned out to be 399 votes for Jackie & Gina and 437 votes for Sullivan & Rollo. Robert and Maria won by a slim 38 votes. According to Brother

Shane, this was "the closest vote in four years."

After the election was all over, Joe Micora, Sullivan's Campaign Manager, said that the pair will try to do "whatever the people want." The students have to "come to Sully and tell him what they want" if they want something done. I later cornered Sullivan and learned that he'd like to see "reforms in the demerit system" in relation to "the dress code." On the election itself, I was told by the pair,

"We're looking forward to next year. . . . We're not going to hide behind proposals." Jackie Barbera and Gina DiPaolo commented on their loss: "Congratulations to Sullivan. . . . We're glad we made it as far as we did. We tried our best." Vanessa Parkinson appeared quite upset. Some student told her that he'd not voted for her because she was black. Commenting on their loss, Brian Burke and Regina Corrigan told me, "Elections will be elections."

# HIGH POINT

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## Senior Revelers Invade Manhattan

by Ingrid Mihailovich

On May 14, some one hundred couples attended the Senior Prom. This year it was held at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows. The theme of the night was "On the Road to Experience." The students chose their own songs which were played by the Ed Caso Band. Their main meal consisted of prime ribs, with side dishes of potatoes and vegetables.

After the stroke of midnight, the students chose where they wanted to go to continue the festivities. Some of the more popular night spots were the Adam's Apple, the Copacabana, and Rodney Dangerfield's. For a more romantic and quiet atmosphere, some even took an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride around Central Park. To help them get around to these places, limousines were rented. Each limo cost \$150 for ten hours and \$20 for every additional hour.

It took a lot of time to plan the prom, and when it was over many agreed it had been an evening that few would soon forget. Said Deborah Dinsmore, 403, "I'll remember the prom as having been a very special night that I shared with a very special person. We created in our hearts a memory that will last forever."

## Ford Seniors Granted Scholarships

by Maria Sallustio

This year, fifteen members of the senior class of Bishop Ford are recipients of New York State Regents Scholarships. These seniors are among the 25,000 students who received scholarships.

The scholarship is granted for outstanding performance on the SAT's in math and English. The cumulative score necessary varies from one community to another. In our community, Kings County, a cumulative score of at least 980 was necessary to qualify for scholarships. This was the second lowest score required in New York, the highest having been 1180 in Tompkins County, and the lowest having been 970 in the Bronx.

The scholarship is \$250 for each year of college for up to four years. Some colleges may match that \$250, bringing the

scholarship to \$500 per year. The winners of regents scholarships from our school are: Daniel Clinchot, Cheryl Cooper, Barbara Cronin, Edward Cush, Robert Dadona,

Christopher Fannon, Rosemary Greer, Glen Olsen, Gregory Greves, Hope Parisi, John Perrin, David Quinn, John Tesoriero, Michael Tirotta and Ralph Wager.

## Seniors Bid Farewell

by Hope Parisi

On Saturday morning, June 7, 265 seniors will walk down the aisle of the auditorium for the final time as students of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. The class of '80 will be graduated.

Many seniors have mixed emotions about leaving our school, as so many memorable experiences have transpired inside its walls. "I'm very excited about graduating, but I'm also sad," said Jeanette Gutierrez, 404. "I feel that I'm leaving the happiest times of my life behind." The seniors all basically seem to share the same regrets about saying their good-byes. "You'll never find friends like you did in high school," said Tommy Curan, 402. However, some students will miss certain things about Ford especially strongly. Anthony Mendez, 406, will miss physics with Brother John Herz. Ray Tock, 408, will miss the bio lab and the lab animals. But nearly all the seniors are looking forward to future college and business careers.

So, on graduation day they will gather one last time to exchange yearbook signatures, congratulations, good wishes, and promises to keep in touch. They will receive awards and accept diplomas. Teachers will be thanked, and left, as friends. And as the recessionary hymn plays, a new group of graduates will leave, ready to work and achieve in the outside world.



Robert Sullivan and Maria Rollo



## "BOYFRIEND" Charms Bishop Ford Audience

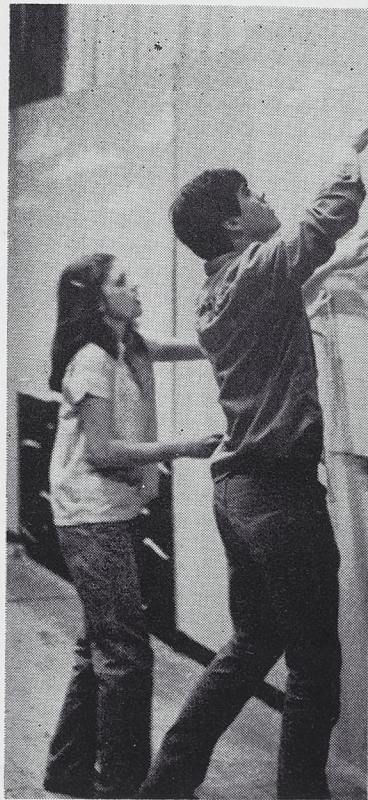
by Sharon Healy

On May 8, 9 and 10, the Chalk Circle Players presented their rendition of the musical "The Boyfriend." The acting and singing talents of about 37 students were employed.

"The Boyfriend" first appeared on Broadway on September 30, 1954 at the Royale Theater, with Julie Andrews as Polly Browne. Its lively music and hilarious dialogue were written by Sandy Wilson. "The Boyfriend" is a stylish and witty satire of the Jazz Age. The setting is the romantic French Riviera at Madame Dubonnet's fashionable finishing school for young ladies. The story centers on sweet Polly Browne, a lonely millionaire's daughter, who attends the school. She falls madly in love with Tony, a handsome delivery boy. To keep him interested in her, Polly pretends to be a working girl. Much to her amazement, Tony turns out to be the son of wealthy Lord Brockhurst. The story also focuses on the antics of Maisie, another girl at the school, and her American boyfriend, Bobby. We also see Madame Dubonnet herself involved in a love affair with Polly's father, Percival Browne. Along with Polly's three friends, Nancy, Dulcie and Fay, are their boyfriends, Marcel, Pierre and Alphonse. There are also Hortense, the maid, and the stuffy wife of Lord Brockhurst, Lady Brockhurst. In addition to this is a chorus of singers and a troupe of dancers who tap dance and do Charleston-like dances throughout the show.

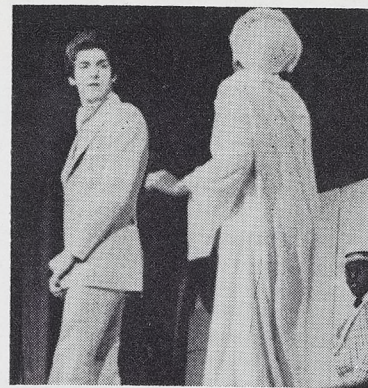
Mr. Mingrone, the Moderator and Director, pointed out, "The cast and chorus were very cooperative. I think the show was terrific!" Mr. Joseph Marmaud was in charge of the technical aspects of the production, Mr. Michael Mushalla was the musical director, and Mr. John Bate was the choreographer.

The cast included Dawn Bahnsen and Martin Maher as



Chalk Circle Players show their stuff.

Polly and Tony, Kathy Parke and Andrew Rodriguez as Maisie and Bobby, Natalie Robinson as Madame Dubonnet, Louis Diorio as Percival Browne, Fay Purpura as Hortense, Phillip Kirton and Vanessa Parkinson as Lord and Lady Brockhurst, Raudline Etienne as Dulcie, Cathy Schloeman as Fay, Diana Fonti as Nancy, Robert Siebold as Marcel, Anthony Raiola as Pierre, and Cedric Watson as Alphonse.



## Student Body Assembled

by Vincent Cohan

On May 22, 1980, the 4th Annual Bishop Ford Awards Assembly was held. Up until this year, Mr. Tony DeFina has organized the assembly. This year, however, the job was taken over by Brother Shane.

When asked about the change, Mr. DeFina pointed out that the assembly is a student-oriented affair, and that the event would be better served by Brother Shane as Vice-Principal for Student Affairs.

Although the assembly was not organized by Mr. DeFina, he did make introductory comments. The only thing noticeably absent was the slide presentation.

The actual format of the assembly was not changed drastically. Awards, generally, were presented for extra-curricular merit. Some special academic presentations were made.

Sports awards were restricted to intramural achievements since other sports awards will be presented at the annual Sports Dinner. In addition to the award presentations, Brother Shane lined up the entertainment for the assembly. The Drama Club performed the final number from the Spring Musical, *The Boy Friend*. A new twist to the entertainment was the school band. This band, composed of Ford students, played music to please all tastes, and was accompanied by a special-effects light show.

## Juniors Prepare to Don Class Rings

by Maria Sallustia

According to tradition, each year at Ford, juniors receive their school rings. This year the Graduating Class of 1981, with the help of Mrs. Theresa Bianchi, Junior Coordinator, will be receiving their rings.

The ring ceremony will take place here at Ford, Monday June 2, at 7:30 p.m. There will first be a liturgy, then the ring ceremony which will take place in the auditorium. All administrators, faculty and staff members are invited

by the junior class to participate in the liturgy, ring ceremony and social. All the eligible juniors will be given five invitations so each may invite five guests.

After the festive mass, the junior homeroom teachers will bring to the altar the trays of rings for their homerooms. As the juniors receive their rings, the girls will be given red roses and the boys will be given white carnations.

To celebrate Ring Day, the

juniors will have two trips—one, a boat ride to Bear Mountain, June 1st—then, a Great Adventure trip, June 3rd.

This will be a truly marvelous and meaningful occasion for all the juniors who are going to receive their rings. Some juniors expressed their thoughts about Ring Day. Amy Mattison: "It is a symbol of recognition of my three years of work here at Ford and I will be proud of my ring when I receive it."

Joe Frega: "It is a sign of achievement and accomplishment. It will be something I will value with great pride."

Toni Bongiardina: "All those years of studying are represented by this ring. It also means high school years are almost over."

Sharon Healy: "I am looking forward to getting my ring. It will make me feel like a real future Senior."

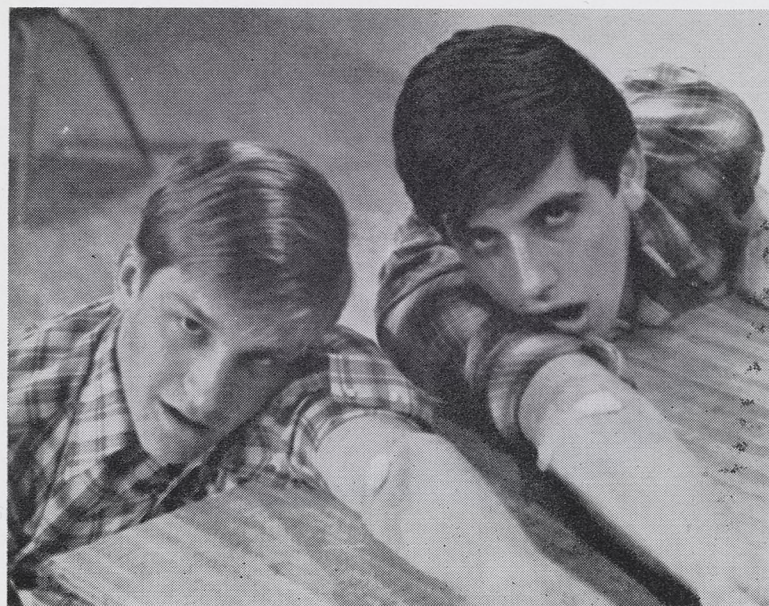
## Students Shed Blood for B.F.H.S.

by Daniel Clinchot

The National Honor Society has done it again! On April 25, 1980, the honor society sponsored the second annual blood drive here at Ford, and, as usual, it was a big success.

The honor society managed to recruit 54 members of the school community, including members of the faculty and student body, parents, and employees of E.T.V. Altogether, the "Blood Mobile" managed to collect 54 pints of blood. According to Mr. Ken Tom, the Honor Society Moderator, this will enable the faculty and students at Bishop Ford, as well as their families, to receive an unlimited supply of blood if and when needed.

Most of the juniors and seniors who donated blood for the first time said that they were a little uneasy about doing so. However, after they actually donated



Jimmy and Matt: two bleeding hearts.

it, they felt it was a simple and most rewarding experience.

When asked what he thought of the students who donated blood, Herb Korn,

National Honor Society President, commented, "The students who donated blood are very special people. They showed an unusual amount of care and devotion."

## Seniors Dubbed by Poll

by Pascale Bastien and Christine Babick

Certain members of every class have distinctive qualities which set them apart. We took a poll of the seniors to find out who they have decided are the outstanding members of their class. The results are:

Class Clown:	Anthony Mandile
Class Romeo:	Richard Woerner
Class Radical:	Tom Carney
Class Jock:	John Tracy
Class Politician:	Phil Kirton
Class Businessman:	Phil Kirton
Class Strongman:	Chris Mueller
Class Musician:	Joseph Tumminelli
Most Likely to Succeed:	Hope Parisi
Shyest:	Patrick Hussey
Most Talkative:	Miracle Van Cooten
Most Intelligent:	Susan Hynes
Class Cuisine:	James Argenziano
Best Dressed Male:	Artie Milo
Best Dressed Female:	Nancy Del Cielo
Mr. Popular:	Robert Dadona
Miss Popular:	Miracle Van Cooten
Most Handsome:	Lance Trent
Prettiest:	Lisa Marie Amato





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## Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

by Brian Picardi

I'm sure you've heard it at least a dozen times: "You're going to miss school this summer." Usually, your response to this statement is, "Yeah, nice joke!"

Sure, no one can ever possibly wait for that last bell to ring, that last test to be over, that last step outside the doors of this institution which governs our lives five days out of the week.

Of course there is always the summer. Ah, yes, summer, with its bright beaches, beautiful, sun-tanned girls and plenty of time to do nothing. It is a time of rock concerts in the open air, trips to Florida, and wild, late-night parties. No assignments are due and there is enough spare time to work a part-time job for extra spending money. Heaven.

Those who will think the most about missing this school will be the seniors. Most of them, for four years, have endured many frustrations and hardships but have learned to have a good time

while experiencing these typical high school difficulties. Now they are leaving. Never again will they run through these halls with a pile of books cradled in their arms, rush from class to class, hand in countless homeworks, and the like.

So, while in high school, make for yourself fond memories and good lasting friendships. Seniors should harken to this more than anyone. Memories of the prom and graduation are so very special. Occasions such as these occur but once in a lifetime. Precious moments should be shared frequently so that pleasant and memorable experiences like high school become lasting joys forever.

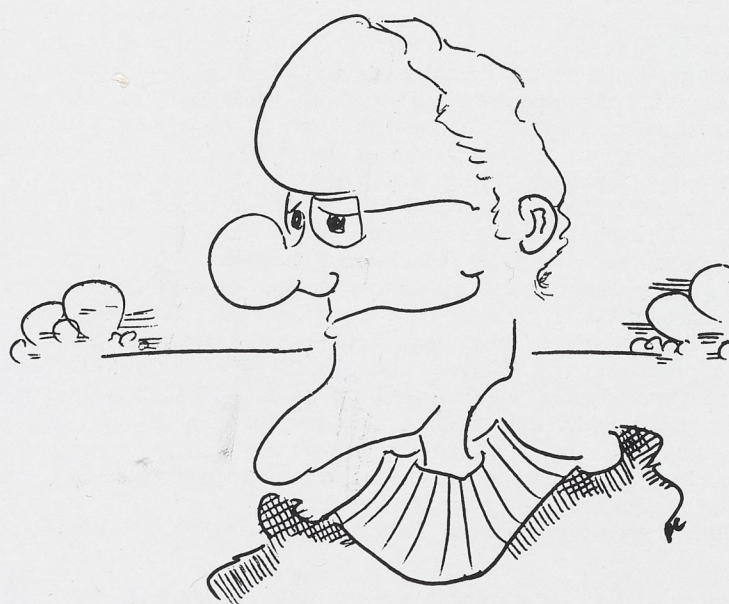
The words from the song, *Schooldays*, by the rock group, THE KINKS, best express how all of us feel when we leave behind the desks and the books to continue our lives in the real world. Reflect on them, and in doing so, see if you are taking advantage of the "good life" here at Ford:

I miss all the acquaintances  
we made,  
And I'd go back if I could  
only find a way,  
Schooldays were the happiest  
days,  
Though at the time they filled  
me with dismay.  
We only remember what we  
choose to remember.  
When I was a schoolboy I  
loathed regulations and  
rules,  
I hated my textbooks and my  
school uniforms,  
'Cos it made me conform,  
And teachers were always  
disobeyed,  
But I'd go back if I could  
only find a way.  
Schooldays.

to do if elected to office. We have a responsibility to study all candidates and only then carefully decide to whom we will give our support.

We all claim to want the best possible government to

represent us. Therefore, we must make every effort to see to it that only those candidates who have proven themselves worthy in the past and have been actively responsive to our needs are elected.



A fond farewell to Brother Al!

## All Revved Up and No Place to Go

by Jimmy Cutrone

How do you feel about the United States boycotting the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow?

Robert Ventrice, 114: "I think they should not boycott the Olympics. All of the athletes have practiced very hard. This is their chance to prove to the U.S. that they can win."

Anthony Carnivale, 202: "I feel that we should not boycott the Summer Olympics. I feel that all the athletes, who have been in training for so long, are getting gypped out of a trip to Moscow."

Peter Cole, 303: "We should have a boycott if Russia

doesn't leave Afghanistan. If enough countries pull out, Russia will get the message."

Louis Cesaro, 402: "I don't think politics and sports should be mixed, but we should not abandon our elected leaders. I guess a boycott is not a popular alternative, but we should be loyal to the decisions of our government."

Dawn Bahnsen, 201: "I have mixed feelings about the Olympic situation, primarily because it's a very big disappointment for the athletes after all their hopes, dreams and training. However, the situation with Russia and Afghanistan is very confusing

and to be handled carefully."

Anthony Angilleta, 301: "I disagree with President Carter's decision because I don't think politics and sports should be mixed. The world already knows how we feel about the Russians' actions. I think we should go to Moscow and beat them in their own country."

Patrick Dugan, 403: "I do not believe in a boycott because all of the U.S. athletes have put years of training into this once-in-a-lifetime chance and if we have a boycott their dreams will die."

Martin Maher, 208: "I'm disappointed because I was all set to go. Oh well, I'll just have to wait till '84."

## Better Late Than Never



Suspension should be reserved for very serious offenses. But here at Bishop Ford, even a generally well-behaved student may be suspended . . . For lateness!

Why should such a student be punished in the same manner as one who cuts classes, threatens teachers, destroys property, or instigates violence? Fifteen demerits is often the major factor which leads to suspension. One begins to question the fairness of a demerit system in which this can be the case.

True, rules to curb lateness are necessary, but, at the same time, these rules must keep lateness in proper perspective. This is done only partially, as students are sometimes given the opportunity to "work off" their demerits.

Suspension! Its implications are serious. Once a student is suspended, he is branded an extreme discipline problem among his teachers, classmates, and prospective colleges and employers. Therefore, it is important that this punishment be utilized only in extreme cases.

## Peer Group: Mixed Feelings

by Daniel Clinchot

The peer group counseling program at Bishop Ford has been in operation for two years now. During this period, the program's format and objectives have had a considerable amount of time to define themselves. So, now one may ask, "Does peer group really work?" Most of the sophomore girls, when asked this question, indicated that peer group is an experience that is both rewarding and enjoyable. On the other hand, however, the sophomore boys' responses to the question were not so positive. One boy went so far as to say, "Peer group is OK if you like to hear other people spill their guts. For me, I'd rather have a free period."

When asked how they thought the peer group counseling program could be improved, a common response among sophomores was, "I

think peer group would be more beneficial if the peer group leaders tried to come down to where we're at. If this were done, it would make it a lot easier for us to talk about ourselves. We wouldn't feel as if the leaders were trying to analyze our every

word."

Are these suggestions worth pursuing? Maybe so. In fact, if some of these suggestions were followed up, the Guidance Department might have a far more effective peer group program on their hands.

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# "Take Me to Your Leader!"

by Hope Parisi

Admit it! When we first heard that Belgian exchange students were to visit Ford, we expected funny-looking foreigners sporting green rubber suits, pink and purple socks, feathers, and maybe even antennas. But there are, indeed, quite a few parallels between Belgian and American high-schoolers and their lifestyles. Take Wim and Lieve Vandebussche, two of the exchange students who visited here recently. Both Wim and Lieve, bright, blue-eyed seniors, attend parochial school in the city (Brussels). Each day they commute from their middle-class homes to make their first 8:30 a.m. class. A day's schedule takes them through language, science, mathematics, physical education, history and religion. At dismissal, it's off to volleyball or basketball practice, or back home to tackle the day's assignments. And during "prime time" you just might catch them watching "Happy Days" or "Mork and Mindy."

At the same time, it would be imperceptive to overlook the cultural differences that do exist. In Belgium, there are rigid rules governing interaction between boys and girls. Lieve's parents insist upon driving her to and from friendly parties. Wim's girlfriends can't allow him into their homes until it's "serious" business. High schools are segregated, and its practically an all-day affair, with seven hours of classes and two-to-three hours of homework. Most Belgians are farming people. Brussels is their largest city with 1½ million people.

New York City seemed like a monstrosity to Wim and Lieve. But they loved the openness of the people. For the girls alone, I would move here immediately," said Wim, "and for the



Wim, Lieve, and fellow Belgian, Jan

cheap cost of living," he added, happy that his new ELP album cost only \$4.95.

So, the exchange program accomplished at least two things: for one, it gave Ford students a chance to learn a bit about Belgian culture and share some of our own culture. For another, it helped students to realize that foreigners are not really so awfully "foreign." And that's too bad . . . I was kind of looking forward to the green rubber suits!

## BOING! GLEEP!

by Edward Smith

Stop me if you've heard this one before. What has two heads, offers advice on sex, health, money and jobs, types almost 500 words a minute, and adds 643,211,000 and 7,242,156 in less time than it takes most people to say "Arithmetic"? No, school secretaries is not the answer! The ladies may be smart and quick, but frankly, they (or anyone else) just can't match PDP 1103.

PDP 1103 is the dual-brain computer system located in Room 314, the computer room. PDP has been with us for two years now, since Ford donated \$50,000 to the Digital Equipment Corporation in 1979. It understands both the Basic and Fortran IV computer languages. These systems can stimulate its "slow" LA-36 brain to type 60 words a minute and its "less slow" VT-55 brain to type 480 words a minute.

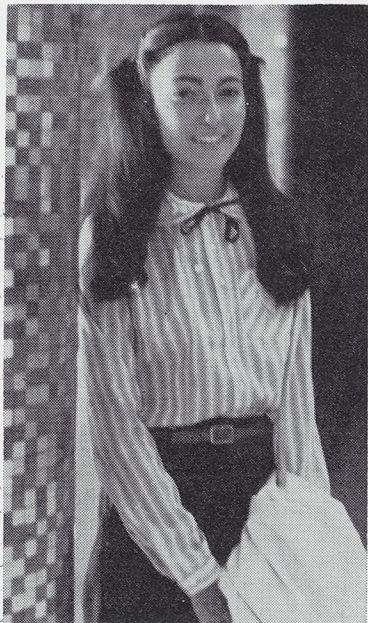
At present, PDP is used by the school for course study and administrative purposes. PDP helps mark science tests and figure bowling averages. Or, if you're bored by numbers, code in "Old," then "DXI: Hello" when asked for "Old File Name," and get ready to talk about the facts of life. PDP will receive and answer your most personal questions. Not only is this computer smart, it's also sexy.

And you thought all it could do was beep!

## Faculty Focus: Miss Diane Fasano

by Howard Quintero

What makes Miss Diane Fasano a special teacher?



Miss Diane Fasano

"She relates to us," says her student, Laura Cristiano. But, in fact, Miss Fasano would have little trouble relating to a variety of people from different places and backgrounds.

"I have been a security guard," said the language teacher, recalling her college days in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., "a switchboard operator, a cafeteria worker, a bartender, and a dorm officer."

Diane Fasano grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, one of four sisters. But her family travelled to many places in the States to keep pace with her father's position as an employee of an oil company.

She attended Ponca City High School in a small town in Oklahoma. She says, "It was so boring there, we had to hang out at the A & W Root Beer Drive-In." In a

humorous tone, she added, "But I was the high school team mascot—a leprechaun."

After high school, Miss Fasano journeyed to Washington, D.C. to attend Georgetown University. She also attended graduate school at New York University and Universitu Per Stranieri in Italy. Other places she has seen around the world include France and Canada and, here in the States, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas.

Miss Fasano is still young and has plans for the future.

She hopes to receive an advanced degree in counseling so she can eventually go into bilingual counseling.

In her leisure time, Miss Fasano enjoys country music. "I love Willie Nelson's style of music," she said, "progressive country rock." She also enjoys Broadway shows, sports (her favorite teams are the Houston Oilers and the Astros) and, of course, travel.

So, what's Miss Fasano doing here in Brooklyn at Bishop Ford? She's being a favorite teacher and friend to many.

## Student Spotlight: Student Stars

by Pascale Bastien

Philip Kirtan, Natalie Robinson and Robert Siebold are quite unusual seniors; they will have been in the student spotlight at least four times this year—once in this article and thrice (on the nights of May 8, 9, and 10) in the Spring musical, "The Boyfriend."

Phil played the role of an old Englishman in the play. The part was a little harder than he expected, but, of course, he managed it.

Phil is also the Senior Class President. He ran for that office because he felt that the minorities needed somebody to speak up for them and he thought he was the best qualified to do that.

Phil plans to go to a small college to study law and politics.

Natalie Robinson had one of the leading roles in "The Boyfriend." She played the role of Mme. Dubonnet, a middle-aged French woman. She said it was a hard role for her because she had never portrayed a middle-aged woman before.

Natalie's sister, who was with an acting troop, got her interested in acting. Natalie saw one of their productions. She liked it a lot, so she decided to join the "Harlem Trotters" at the age of twelve.

Natalie's been accepted at Harvard and Marymount. Her main goal is to be an actress, but she might go into communications.

Robert Siebold, who's been involved in the "Chalk Circle Players" for the past three years, had a minor role in the play this year, that of Marcel.

And when Bob is not in the auditorium practicing for the play, he's in the T.V. studio working with Bro. John Pavin.

Bob wants to go into the field of filmmaking and television producing. In fact, he's a scholarship finalist at the

school of Visual Arts. Many people say that the School of Visual Arts has a lot of weirdos. When asked how he'll fit in there, Bob answered: "I think I'll get along with them without any problem. They're my kind of people!"

The auditorium spotlight has been dimmed and the stage has been vacated. What now for these three fine actors? HIGHPOINT predicts that Philip Kirtan, Natalie Robinson, and Robert Siebold will be the subjects of still more deserving attention in the years to come.



Bob, Natalie & Phil: "Look at us—we're stars!"

## Ford Gets Rocked

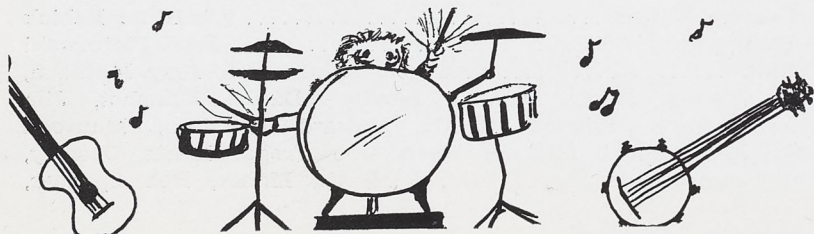
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As we all know, music is of major interest to many students here at Ford. Rock or disco, disco or rock, everyone has his own opinion. Well, the newly-formed band here at Ford plays both types of music and plays them very well.

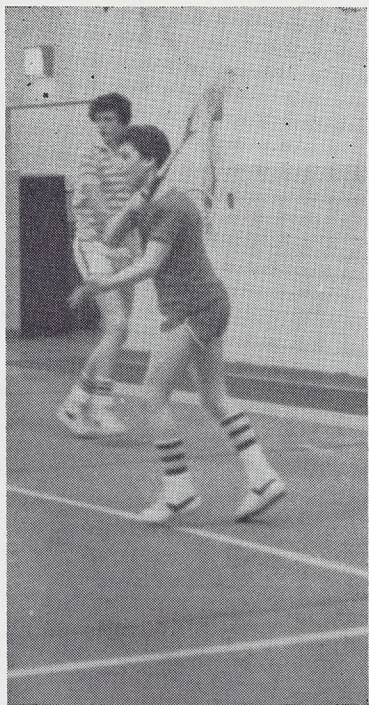
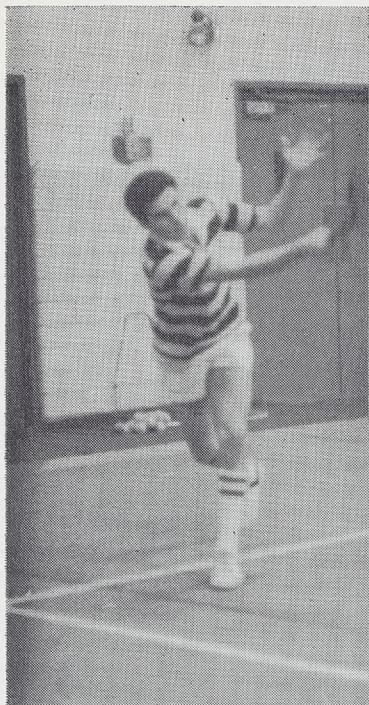
The as-yet unnamed band plays such recent hits as **Hot Stuff** and **Moon Dance**, and the classic **Johnny B. Goode**. Their hopes were high for their first public appearance, which took place during the awards ceremony at the end of the year.

Many of the band members are seniors, which means they will be leaving the band in June. But, as guitarist Tommy Curran confided, most of the seniors feel they are creating something for the future: "Most of us really weren't involved in activities until we joined the band. Now, we have a great time!" And it shows in their playing. During their practices, they are energetic and full of concentration.

We were all rocked with rhythm when the band "vibrated" at the awards assembly. But, then again, with singers like Renee Yanacco, Louie Diorio and Joe Cacciopoli (also their drummer), guitarists like Brian Connery, Tommy Curran and Paul Scotto, and the help of Moderators, Mr. Anelli, Mr. Kane and Mr. Kiernan, there was nothing else the band could be but great!!







B.F.C.H.S. tennis teams in action.

# Tennis Teams Looking Good

by Marie Cassidy

Tennis, anyone? You've probably been hearing this famous phrase being spoken more than ever now that tennis season is here once again. The Bishop Ford tennis teams had quite a season this year as the members of the teams ran back to get out their rackets for another season of tennis.

In the boys' tennis, there seemed to have been uncovered a lot of athletic talent. The team consisted of eight members. Playing number 1 double squad this season was Dave Quinn and Mike Mullaly, who were two of the most outstanding members of the team. Third singles this season consisted of sophomores Robert Codenza and John Riddle. At this time John seems to be a very promising

player for next year. Freshmen Paul Bressi and Kevin Carney are also showing great potential for next season's tennis. Joe Scalato and Lester Davis, knowing the technique of tennis, played singles.

Mr. Habib, Coach of the boys' tennis team, said, "The theme of the team is 'Youth and Rebuilding,' and although they only won two matches so far, the team is filled with young and promising players for next year's season."

The girls' tennis team consisted of nine players. First singles were Annie Zawadski, senior, and Eileen McBrien, junior, who seemed to be a very steady player this season. Playing girl's third singles was Freshman Jean Allen. Outstanding players of the first doubles team were Kathy Segreff and Maria Barbaro, both sophomores. Again, youth

is the theme. Dolores Dilgen, Lucy Fonti, and Susan Louis are among some of the promising players of the team. Co-Captains of the team are Annie Zawadski and Lucy Fonti, who are guided by the Coach of the team, Lydia Caporelli. Although they only won two matches so far, all the matches were extremely close. The team has played and won O.L.P.H. 9-6, Saint Saviour 21-16, Fontbone Hall 22-17, and Nazareth 28-8.

On May 8, victory was the order of the day for both the boys' and girls' varsity tennis teams. The boys defeated Molloy High School by a score of 3-2. Molloy was in second place. Single victories were scored by Joe Scellato, Lester Davis and Robert Cosenza. The girls defeated Christ the King, keeping their play-off hopes alive.

## Bowlers Score Again

by Michael Ryan

After sixteen weeks of fierce practice and competition, the bowling season ended on March 18 with the varsity and junior varsity teams taking fourth and third places, respectively, in their leagues.

In their last game, the varsity bowlers lost third place to Xaverian by only one pin. St. Francis Prep. and McClancy took first and second place in the league. Anthony Mendez, 406, swiped the high series title with a dramatic 454 points. He also commented that he'd do it again. His team mates are seniors Michael Nelson, Glen Huzinec, Jimmy Mackay, Sal Gentile and junior Bruce Bowen.

Also near the end of the season, the junior varsity

shuffled from a tied first position with Christ the King High School to third place. Five points made the difference and Xaverian placed second.

Annually, trophies are awarded to team members who have bowled at least one game over 225 for varsity, or over 200 for junior varsity. On the varsity, it was Anthony Mendez, again, whose highest game totalled 235 points. Michael Andrews, Bart Polack, and Michael Flynn were junior varsity trophy winners.

Reviewing the success of the teams' season, Mr. James Radigan, Coach, had this to say: "Maybe we could have done better, but the team spirit was high and everyone got something out of it."

## SPORTLIGHT:

### Karen Mulcahy

by Jorge Diaz

Karen Mulcahy participates in almost all of Bishop Ford's girls' teams. She is the new captain of the softball team and a member of both the basketball and volleyball teams.

Karen's future goals include pursuit of a spot on the USA Olympic Volleyball Team and, eventually, a professional volleyball contract. She is also interested in becoming a phys. ed. teacher.

Karen is an extremely ath-

letic person. She is an avid bicyclist and roller-skater. She participates in CYO basketball and softball, which could be springboards for her future athletic career.

A great sports fan for a long time, Karen never really became involved in sports until she came to Ford.

Her involvement has obviously paid off. As a result of her athletic talent, Karen was recently awarded a scholarship to St. Francis College. Congratulations, Karen!



Karen Mulcahy

### Annual Sports Awards

#### Dinner

Thursday, June 5, 1980

at 6:30 p.m.

Get tickets from Mr. Nash

in the Athletic Office

at \$5.00 each

## Girls' Track Team Takes First Place

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School girls' Varsity track relay team, consisting of Jennifer Pappanicholaou, Patty O'Connor, Ingrid Mihailovich and Maureen McLaughlin, captured first place at the Mt. St. Michael intersectional championships on Saturday, May 10, 1980. The team set a new school record with the time of 4:24.7.

## Mueller Wins Heavyweight Title

by Roger Menze

On Thursday, March 6th the Weightlifting Intramurals got under way at Ford. The competition was moderated by Mr. Raymond Habib in room 121.

This day of weightlifting was highlighted by Thomas Cappiello. Tommy tied the school record in his division for the military by pressing 215 lbs. He also tied the school record in the bench press by pressing 240 lbs., and he broke the record for the combined weight with a total of 455 lbs. Placing second was Peter Misseri with a combined weight of 410 lbs., and in third was Phil Musacchio.

Tuesday, March 11th, the second day of competition, was the Middleweights (weighing from 161 lbs. to 190 lbs.).

This day the competition was won by Kenny Seng, a senior from Park Slope. Kenny was in fourth place after the military press, but came out winning because of his strong bench. He militaried 210 lbs. and benched 260 lbs. Second was Mark Purpura with a combined weight of 450 lbs., and third was Dave Gachette who broke the school record in the military

press by pressing 250 lbs. Dave tied for second, but because his body weight was more than the second placed finisher, he moved to third.

Thursday, March 13th, the third day of competition consisted of the heavyweights (weighing 191 lbs. and up).

The competition was won by senior Chris Mueller (a member of our varsity basketball team) with the combined weight of 510 lbs. Chris won it over second-place Mark El-Khoury by 10 lbs. Mark is a member of the field events team and is only a sophomore, so he's looking forward to next year's competition. In third place was Kevin Bielinski who was lifting with an injured hand.

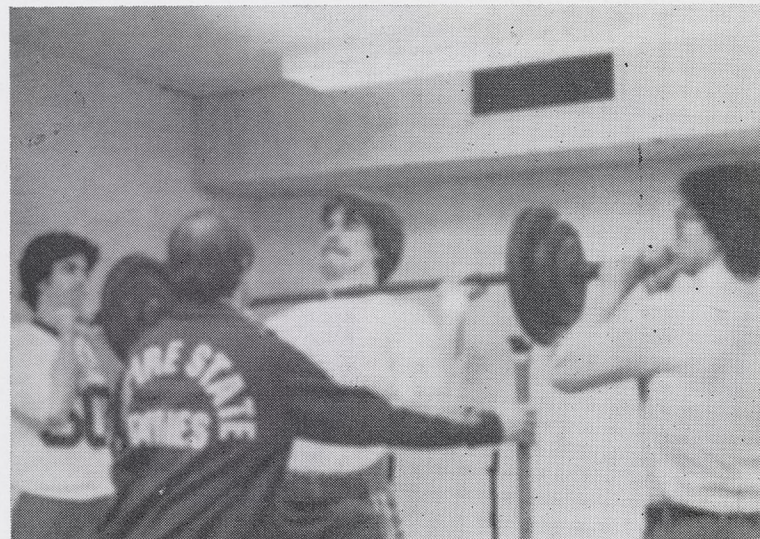
The final day of the men's competition was held Thursday, March 20th, featuring the featherweights (weighing from 140 lbs. and under).

This day of competition was dominated by Joey Casertano (a former member of the track team). Joey militaried 165 lbs. and benched 170 lbs. He won by 35 lbs. over both Richard DiConcilio and Tom McGlade. Richie came in second place because he weighed less than Tommy in body weight. Tom-

my is a star on both the swimming and track teams here at Ford.

The final day of weightlifting competition was for women. The women only had to compete in the military press.

The winner was Vanessa Parkinson who militaried 85 lbs. In second was Gladys Fernandez who militaried 75 lbs., and in third was senior Barbara Blazewicz and freshman Diane Sherman.



"Please, get this thing off me!"

### Soccer 1980

at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School

Register Now in the Athletic Office!

Season Starts August 25



# THE YEAR IN SPORTS

by Joe Frega



Ford trackers truckin'.

## SOFTBALL:

The girls' softball team, coached by Mrs. Groneman, are also looking forward to post-season play. The girls jumped off to a quick 3-0 start, aided by hustle & hitting stars like Pat Tetaverole and a well-armed pitching staff led by ace Cathy Sweeney.

## BOYS' TRACK:

Coached by Manny Fernandez, the boys' track team once again enjoyed a year filled with many victories. Ford trackers dominated the Brooklyn-Queens high jump competition held on February 10, 1980. John Tracy brought home a Gold medal, while Joe Groot and Peter Cole took 4th place medals. The varsity and freshmen teams captured 3rd place finishes at the St. Peter's meet. In cross-country, Ford finished 4th out of a field of 22 at the "West Lake Invitational." Spectacular efforts from Tom Burns, Bob Powers and Pat Dugan led to the victory.

## SWIMMING:

A swimming team featuring Ford's best swimmers made waves during the 1979-1980 season. The team finished fourth in the Brooklyn-Queens championships. Jimmy Cutrone set new records in the 200 individual medley and 500 yd. free style. Jimmy MacKay set a school record in the 100 yd. breaststroke, missing the league record by 1/10 of a second. "Man-from-Atlantis" MacKay took second in the breaststroke event and fourth in the individual medley. The highpoint of the team's season was the downing of Xaverian by a score of 85-64.

Overall, the team took 8 of 11 events at the Catholic High School National Championships.

## BASEBALL:

In March, the varsity baseball team, coached by Mr. Danny Piselli and Mr. Keegan, traveled to the Sunshine State of Florida to get an early jump on the upcoming season. The trip was planned and made possible by the hard work of Sports Director Ray Nash, Principal Bro. Alphonsus and Director of Student Activities Brother Shane. In Florida the Falcons beat their opponent, Cardinal Mooney, by a convincing score of 8-1.

This year the Falcons are in excellent shape. An offensive attack led by the lumber of Eric Bianco, Mike Courtney and Dom Finelli, keep the basepaths humming. Meanwhile, the excellent pitching staff of Tom Loverdi and Terry Cioffi keep the opposition honest and games intact.



Some of Bishop Ford's varsity baseball team's stars.

Well Falcon fans, another exciting sports year has passed by. Before we leave, let's reflect on those rousing events which made the 1979-1980 season.

We enjoyed many joyous moments, such as our pep rally and our Belgium visitors. All of us laughed at the Faculty-Student game held in early February.

Yes, sports fans it was truly a most fascinating year in SPORTS.

## VOLLEYBALL:

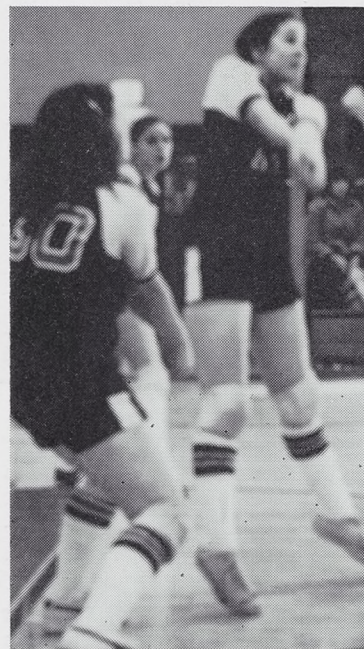
A resolute bunch of girls, including Susan Rail, Karen Mulcahey and Barbera Blaze-wicz, is starting a new dynasty here at Ford. These girls contributed to the success of the girls' volleyball team in 1979. The girls posted an impressive 10-1 season and won the St. Francis Tournament.

## BIG APPLE GAMES:

The Big Apple Games sponsored by eight high schools, including Ford, give talented young athletes the opportunity to enjoy competition and a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of pride. In the games, Tom Sina shot a silver swish for basketball. Pat Dugan and John Tracy ran back silvers for track. Jimmy Cutrone swam his way to silver acclaim, while Bill Ferro, accompanied by brother Mark, was awarded a gold medal in water polo.

## BASKETBALL:

Under the adept leadership of Ray Nash, the varsity basketball team enjoyed another fine season. Hard hustle and teamwork contributed to the Falcons capturing their second consecutive "Notre Dame Juggler's Classic Championship" at Utica. Versatile stars Bob Dadonna, elected to the All-Tourney Team, and tournament M.V.P., & Tom Lowney, paved the way to victory.



Barbara Blaze-wicz and Karen Mulcahy work the nets against fierce competition.

## INTRAMURALS:

The Stallions took the Junior-Senior Championships in football with a 42-0 win over the Vikings. The Vikings rebounded and captured the bowling championship with an impressive 68-17 record.

On the freshmen-sophomore level, the Colts won in football, the Falcons flew to a basketball championship, and the Flames burned the opposition in the volleyball event. On the junior-senior level, the Night Riders rode to a basketball championship and the Zoo visited the volleyball competition and won.

## SOCCER:

After a dismal first season the soccer team turned things around for the best. In 1979 they came within one point of reaching the playoffs. Also, they shocked Mater Christi, the Brooklyn champs of 1979, with a 1-0 victory.